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SUBJ: MFA AFFIRMS RAJARATNAM'S SPEECH IS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST
CIA

REFS: SINGAPORE 4585; SINGAPORE 4767

1. DURING MEETING ON NOVEMBER 29 WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS OF MFA TAN BOON SENG DEVOTED LARGEMLY TO OTHER SUBJECTS, CHARGE ASKED TAN WHETHER HE HAD ANY PARTICULAR GUIDANCE TO CONVEY WHICH WOULD ASSIST EMBASSY IN INTERPRETING FOREIGN MINISTER'S RECENT SPEECHES.

2. TAN PLAYED DOWN SIGNIFICANCE OF SPEECHES BUT ADMITTED THEY HAD GENERATED A NUMBER OF INQUIRIES FROM THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS. HE SAID FOREIGN MINISTER'S INTENTION HAD BEEN MERELY TO SIGNAL TO GENERAL PUBLIC THAT NEW LEFT COULD BE A POSSIBLE THREAT IN THE FUTURE.

HE SAID SOME PEOPLE HAD ASKED WHETHER RAJARATNAM HAD BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE CIA. TAN ASSURED ME THAT WAS DEFINITELY NOT THE CASE. THE GOS WAS CONCERNED ABOUT INDIVIDUALS, PUBLICATIONS, AND GROUPS AND NOT FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS. GRANT

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